

## LAND FRAUD SUITS INVOLVE TWO BANKS

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Muskogee, I. T., June 9.—A new territory scandal will develop next week when, it is stated, suits charging land frauds will be filed here by an agent of the Interior Department against many persons prominent in the political life of the two territories.

Willard L. Sturdevant, of St. Louis, who has been appointed special townsite attorney by Secretary Garfield, to act in connection with M. L. Mott, national attorney for the Creek Nation, arrived here last night and gave out a statement to the effect that suits would be filed immediately on the part of the Federal Government, acting for the Creek Nation, charging with conspiracy to defraud, a score or more persons prominent in Muskogee, Tulsa and Wagoner, I. T., and also against two national banks.

Mr. Sturdevant is quoted as saying he would prosecute the cases to the limit, forcing the holders of the property alleged to have been fraudulently acquired to transfer it back to the Creek Nation or to pay to the Creek Nation the present cash value of the lots.

The general charge that will be made is that the defendants had lots scheduled to "dummies," and that the defendants paid the appraised Government valuation and then had the lots deeded back to them by the "dummies" without considerations. The lots scheduled in this way cost those who secured them only 50 per cent of the regular appraisement, and the fraud comes in the practice of thus scheduling in excess of what the law allowed the defendants to do.

Cincinnati and Indianapolis are not making much of a show, at present, of their desires to secure either or both of the big political assemblages; but they are likely to be heard from later on. It is stated that the former, through the efforts of Mayor Dempsey, will soon jump into the fray, but really only to capture the Democratic convention.

The first Republican national convention was in 1854, when Fremont was nominated at Philadelphia. Of the 12 national conventions of that party since then, six have been held in Chicago, one each in Baltimore, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Minneapolis, and two in Philadelphia. The convention cities by years and the Presidential nominees have been as follows:

- 1860—Lincoln; Chicago.
- 1864—Lincoln; Baltimore.
- 1868—Grant; Chicago.
- 1872—Grant; Philadelphia.
- 1876—Hayes; Cincinnati.
- 1880—Garfield; Chicago.
- 1884—Blaine; Chicago.
- 1888—Harrison; Chicago.
- 1892—Harrison; Minneapolis.
- 1896—McKinley; St. Louis.
- 1900—McKinley; Philadelphia.
- 1904—Roosevelt; Chicago.

The last Democratic national convention to be held in the south, unless St. Louis be accounted a southern city, was that of 1860, which convened at Charleston, S. C., and adjourned to Baltimore, the party eventually dividing and naming two candidates, Douglass and Breckinridge. Of the 11 Democratic national conventions since then, four have been in Chicago, three in St. Louis, two in Cincinnati, one in New York and one in Kansas City. Of the two Cincinnati conventions, however, the first, that of 1872, was the Greeley convention of Liberal Republicans. The Democratic convention was held at Baltimore that year, but endorsed the Greeley ticket. The Democratic convention list and nominees have been:

- 1864—McClellan; Chicago.
- 1868—Seymour; New York.
- 1872—Greeley; Cincinnati.
- 1876—Tilden; St. Louis.
- 1880—Hancock; Cincinnati.
- 1884—Cleveland; Chicago.
- 1888—Cleveland; Chicago.
- 1896—Bryan; Chicago.
- 1900—Bryan; Kansas City.
- 1904—Parker; St. Louis.